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1. A meeting of the Executive Committee of the International Astronomical Union will be held at Liege, Belgium, 12-14 Jul 54, immediately preceding the astrophysical Symposium on Solid Particles in Astronomical Objects.

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2. The following officers of the IAU, comprising the Executive Committee, are expected to attend:

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| President       | [redacted]        |   | US          |
| Vice Presidents | V.A. Ambartsumian |   | USSR        |
|                 | A. Couder         |   | France      |
|                 | E. Rybka          |   | Poland      |
|                 | P. Swings         |   | Belgium     |
|                 | Rvd. E. Woolley   |   | Australia   |
| Gen. Secretary  |                   |   | Netherlands |
| Past President  | B. Lindblad       |   | Sweden      |
| Past Gen. Secy. | B. Stromgren      |   | Denmark     |

3. At recent past meetings of the Executive Committee, the USSR representative has requested the privilege of bringing two colleagues to the meeting. Past President Lindblad then established the precedent of inviting several additional astronomers to attend. Specially invited members at this meeting will include the following:

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| P.G. Kulikovsky      | USSR        |
| G.A. Shajn           | USSR        |
| J.H. Oort            | Netherlands |
| Harold Spencer Jones | UK          |
| F.J.M. Stratton      | UK          |

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4. One of the most important problems to be discussed at this meeting will be the location for the 1958 General Assembly of the IAU. The 1955 meeting will be in Dublin. It had been expected that the USSR would make a very strong bid for the 1958 meeting, and there has been some sentiment among Western European astronomers that the invitation should be accepted. A US invitation could not be favorably considered by foreign astronomers until there has been some relaxation of present US visa practices. The USSR has just been host to an important gathering of foreign astronomers at the rededication of the rebuilt Pulkovo Observatory near Leningrad in May 1954, and, therefore, may not be so insistent on hosting the 1958 meeting. In that case, Belgium is in a fairly good position to issue an invitation.
5. In the past the USSR delegation has refused to take any part in the financial discussions of the IAU. Now that the USSR has joined UNESCO and will presumably be contributing to its finances, this attitude will probably change.

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